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To His Excellency, George Earl of Dalhousie, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and their several dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, General and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and their several dependencies:—

May it please your Excellency,

We, the undersigned, inhabitants of the County of Glengary, Upper Canada, approach your Excellency with the sentiments of respect due to your exalted station, the virtues that adorn your private character, and the general principles of your public administration and conduct.

We have lately observed, with much regret, the violent measures of a party in the sister Province; and without pretending to give any judgement on the political questions at issue, or wishing to obtrude ourselves on arrangements beyond our legitimate sphere, we cannot but regard it our duty, as peaceable subjects, to reprobate the proceedings to which we have now alluded—as discreditable to the actors if not to their cause, undutiful towards our Gracious Sovereign and his Representative, and hostile to the best interests and improvement of these Colonies.

We fully believe, at the same time, that our population of French origin in general, as well as the rest of our fellow subjects in these lands, are most devoted in their loyalty and attachment to the British Government; that the same spirit which they formerly, and with so much honor, dis-

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played in defence of their country and on the field of battle, is far from being on the wane among the sons of Canada; and that the partial appearances of an opposite description, which have recently occurred, are to be traced to the sinister influence of a few individuals and their interested partisans, who have artfully laboured, under the specious mask of patriotism and loud professions of public zeal, to advance their own schemes of ambition and selfish policy; and have thus imposed on the unsuspecting confidence of a quiet people, and excited their distrust of the measures of the administration by imaginary evils and alarms.

We acknowledge, did we see the rights of the subject invaded, that we would be among the foremost, but without forgetting our due homage and allegiance, to present our respectful memorial for redress at the foot of the Throne: But where, instead of suffering from the encroachments of power, we behold our beloved Monarch himself in the character of the Friend and the Father of his people, viewing their prosperity and happiness as the true greatness of his empire and lustre of his Crown, and commanding by his mild reign yet magnanimous conduct, the admiration and the applause even of foreign, and far-distant nations; when we consider our privileges and moderate public burdens, the fostering care of our Government and the Mother Country, and the noble improvements, from their own resources, which they are now carrying on in these Provinces; —we must indeed have been unworthy of these blessings, and traitors to the character of subjects which we bear, did we not deem ourselves bound, by the most sacred calls of duty and of gratitude, to love our King, to honor his name and Representative, and to cherish, in the best feelings of the heart, our connexion with Britain, long the most favoured of Kingdoms, ever hallowed to us by the reposing ashes of our kindred and forefathers, and at this day the glory of the whole earth.

We finally offer to your Excellency, the unanimous expressions of our duty, and our most cordial testimony to the noble integrity of your conduct, in your office of Royal

Representative as Governor in Chief of the British possessions in North America; we sincerely regard the appointment among the benefactions of our Sovereign; we trust that you will long preside over us, and are confident it will be with the same unwearied zeal for the public good, and the same unsullied honor, as in the period that is past; and permit us, under these impressions to state our unhesitating assurance, that, by continuance in the like discharge of the high functions of your authority, by the recollections of what is due to the Royal Personage represented, and to the just claims and welfare of the people ruled,—your Excellency will obtain, not only from us, but also from every man in these Provinces, that feels with the heart, or that cherishes the loyalty of a Briton, the willing tribute of affection and esteem: that your name among a people true to their country and to their King, will be held in grateful remembrance in Canada; and that your retirement will be followed with our best wishes and our prayers, for your happiness and noblest honors in your native land. [Signed by 1200.]

Glengary, 10th December, 1827.

To this His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:—

Castle of St. Lewis,

22d December, 1827.

Sir,

This Address, which you present to me, from the Inhabitants of the County of Glengary, in Upper Canada, speaks powerfully the loyal sentiments of Highlanders alive, in an equal degree, to the interests of their adopted country, and to the honor and support of the Crown.

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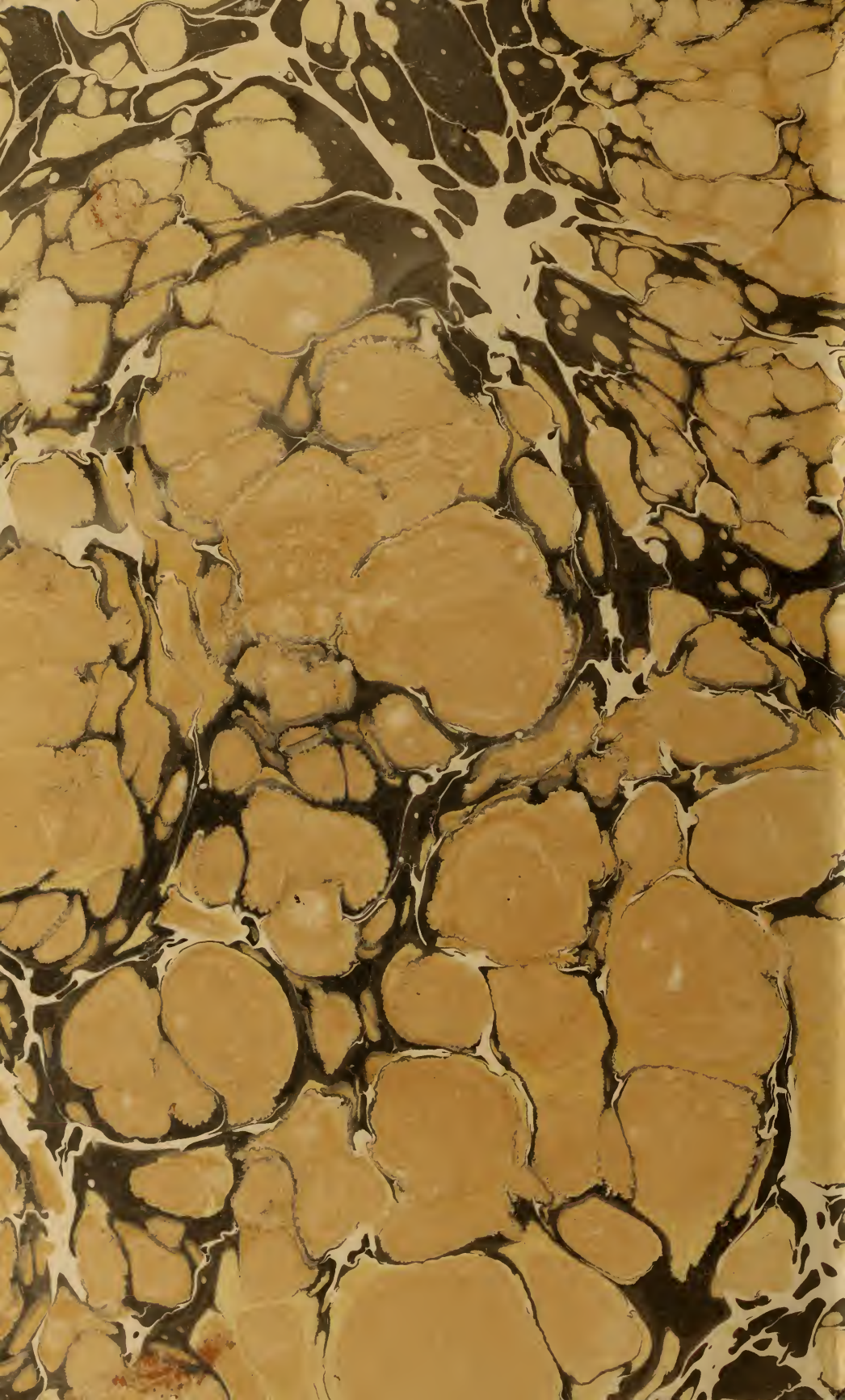
I am highly gratified by their expression of their approbation of my own conduct, and request you to assure them that entertaining with them the same opinion of the unquestionable loyalty of the Canadian population, I view the recent events as nothing more than the violence of a few individuals, who have so far succeeded in misleading a well disposed people. I feel confident, that the good sense of that same people will ultimately see and correct this error.

(Signed) DALHOUSIE.

To the Revd. ARCHIBALD CONNELL,
Martin Town, Upper Canada.